LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA

SATISFACTION AND ENTHUSIASM

Two Good Features of Christmas in Freder ck burg.

THE CHRISTMAS GERMAN

The Steamer Tourist Will Give a Complimentary Excursion to Urbanna. The Sunday School Celebrations Proved Enjoyable.

(Special Dispetch to The Times.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 25Probably no Christmas was ever enjoyed here with more satisfaction and reneral enthusiasm. Gift giving has been cheral and old Virginia hospitality has bounded on every side. Whilst merriment and cordiality have prevailed there has been the best of order and but little intemperance. The Sunday School cele-brations were attractive events and at each of the churches where the celebrations were held yesterday large audiences assembled. These churches were the Banet. Preshyterian, Christian and St. Mary's children were happy smiling faces and th hearts of many of them were made glad by receiving special prizes, some for regular attendance, some for bringing in the most scholars during the year, some for deportment, whilst others were remembered by their teachers with gifts. The celebration of the Methodist Sunday School was not held unit 3:30 in the afternoon and the large building was inadequate to accommodate the large number of perrems who sought admission. At all of these entertainments interesting pre-grammes were rendered, the bright, at-tractive rusic being special features. At the Bapist Eunday School a token of es teem was presented to Captain S. J. Quinn, the present superintendent, by the members of the Bible Class of which he was a former teacher, the presentation steech being made by Colonel E. D. Cole who has long been a member of the class. Captain Quinn organized this class in 1898 and was its teacher for thirty-one years until 1897 when he was elected superintendent of the school. He has been a

feacon of the church since 1830 and clerk
of the church since 1874.
The Christmas german given at the of the German Club was a complete sucof the German Club was a commete suc-cess in every respect. The Opera House was beautifully decorated with raims potted plants and running cedar and funch's string pand of washington fur-nished the runde. Mr. C. h. Howard let the graceful feures and more than furly couples participated, including a nam-ber of fair visitors from other cities and sertions. A large number of spectators enjoyed the pretty scene until midnight when a sumptuous supper was served to the dancers, after which dancing was resumed and continued until 2 o'clock.

managers of the steamer Touris will give a complimentary excursion to Urhanna on the lower Ranpahannock to a number of business men and others in this city to-morrow, returning on Saturday, A ther of young peorle of this city have be given at Urbanna riday night and many of them will attend, going down on this excursion which will reach Urbanna about Fielding Lewis, of 'Marmion

much better and will be able to return to her home in about ten days.

Mrs. R. C. L. Moncure, of Widewater.

Stafford county, who has been so seriously ill. is so much improved as to be able

lo visit this city this week.
Judge R. H. L. Chichester and family,
pt Siafford county, have gone to Betheeda,
Md., to spend Christmas with relatives.

SHOT TWO MEN

Lee Furrow Kills O'e Man ard Pairfully Wounds A-other. (Special Lispatch to The Times.)

AST RADFORD. VA., December 2 -Lee Furrow, who shot two men here Christr 's-Eve, is the son of Chas Furrow, is a section hand, single, twenty-two years old, and recently returned from West. After a quarrel early in the evening, in which Furrow, Samuel Scott. Charles Collins and Max Woody were engaged, Furrow left the crowd, went to his father's house, got his pistol, returned, buying shells on the way, remarked to the clerk that a "man said he was going to knock me in the head bottle, but five cents' worth of shells

will fix him." Furrow went over to a livery stable, and the fuss was renewed in the small office, when suddenly Furrow fired three shots, all taking effect in Samuel Scott body, two in the abdomen, one in the left arm, which glanced and struck Max Woody in the back of the head, but not breaking the skull. Scott died in thirty minutes; Woody will recover.

Furrow walked rapidly down to a drygoods store, asked the clerk for the loan of five cents, and while talking site the pistol under the counter, walked to the rear of the store, took off his collar, turned up his coat and walked

The officers heard the shots but tus thought it was a fire-cracker Being no-tified, an all-night search was made without result Sergeant Robert Mc Neal, with his boodhounds has been out in the adjoining country all day.

KILLED HIS WIFE

Tragedy in Dickenson County That May Cause a Lynching. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREELING, W. VA., December 26 .-Clifton H. Brannam of this place shot and instantly killed his wife Wednesday. The particulars of the tragedy are as fellows: About fifteen years ago. Brannam was sent to the Penitentiary for life from Letchtr county, Kentucky, for the murder of Henry Vanover, and last spring he was pardoned and returned to this place but his wife refused to live with him.

This caused ill feeling on his part and This caused ill feeling on his part and since that time he has been living with his father. Wadnesday he came across his wife and a quarrel ensutd between them when Brannam drew his revolver and deliberately shot her five times killing her instantly. He has fied the country. The feeling is intense against him and if he is suprehended a lynching will and if he is apprehended, a lynching will likely follow.

Ertertained Hi Fr nds. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) ASHLAND, VA., Dec. 26.-Miss Maria Mines, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Milnes, gave a il tle entertainment to her friends last evening. The young people, who are not yet debutantes, enjoyed themselves in playing sames of different kinds, Fruits and nuts were served. The following guests were present; Misses C. Mydjette, M. Mentague, H. and P. Nixon, A. Lan-

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caster, G. Vest and A. Hobson; Messrs, W. Sydnor, R. Lancaster, E. Hartsook, L. Wright, W. Blakey, R. Nixon, R. Mydjette and J. Addison.

FIRE IN HAMPION

Heart of the Busi ess Section of the Tow is Threatered.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 26. -A fire, which threatened the heart of Hampton's business section, caught and all efforts to find her have failed. this morning in L. E. Lindsay & Co.'s Miss Gaskins formerly resided at Hatfurniture store, burned that building teras, N. C. Recently she had been with its large stock, and the contents of a large number of rooms occupied by various persons over the store. The building was owned by George M. Richter and is valued at \$5,000.

The loss on the furniture stock is over insurance. Ar. L. E. Lindsay, senior member of

the urniture firm; I, Steller, senior mem ber of the firm of Steiner & Kauff-man; David Frankel, clothier; William E. Jook, a rairond man, and Robert Wood, a grocery clerk, occupied rooms in the building. They were awakened almost smothered

with smoke and escaped with difficulty meir night clothes, losing all their

CRUSHED TO DEATH

A Lynchburg Harness Maker is Instantly Killed Christmas Night.

(Special Disputch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 26.-While on his way home Christmas night Joseph Gilliam, a harness maker, stepped on a big rock that overhangs the James River just above Madison, and was thrown down the steep embankment. The rock down the steep embankment. The rock fell upon his breast and the following the Christmas german given at the morning he was found with his head and feet showing on either side of the stone. His death must have been instantaneous.

John W. Dulard, Jr., son of Dr. John W. Dillard, while playing with a small cannon yesterday morning, received the entire load in his face, and as a consequence, he may loose his eyesight.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY

J. W. Crump, Formerly of Marc'esteris Arrested in N woort News.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 26.-J. W. Crump, formerly a member of the police force and later jai'er for City Sergeant W. E. Milstead, was arrested this after-noon, charged with forging Milstrack name to several checks cashed by J. Rey-

manded to jail for further inquiry to-morrow. Crump came here some years ago from Manchester.

Lindsay & Company, furniture dealers. Hampton Va., assigned to-day, naming W. H. Kemper, a Baltimore wholesale man and principal creditor, as trustee. No figures are given. This firm's stock was ruined by fire some time ago, and delay in adjusting insurance had much delay in adjusting insurance had much to do with precipitating the assignment.

BIG WATERFRONT DEAL

It May Mean That the Seaboard Will Build a Union Rai roa! Terminal. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

Seaboard Air Line and extending a block ing engine at Cape Charles. The purchaser is not stated, but it is surmised that it is made for the Seaboard Air Line and that there will be a great or terminal suitable for all of the railroads established on the site, involving the expenditure of a million dollars.

NEW SILVER DOLLAR

Riverside Cotton Mill Presents One to Each of 1's 2,000 Employes. (By Associated Press.)

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 26.-The em

ployes of the Riverside Cotton Mill were ployes of the Riverside Cotton Mill were each presented with a bright, new silver dollar of the mintage of 1842. Every employe of the company received one of the coins, which amounted to near \$2.000. Sandy Betts (colored) was shot by an unknown assailant on Christmas eve, which resulted in his death at 6 o'clock this morning. Betts was drinking and said that he did not know the one who did the shooting.

Cha lo tervite D v rce Suit. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE VA., Dec. 25.— Mrs. Rosa H. Hillebrand, daughter of Mr. J. Williams. City Superintendent of Gas, through her attorney, Capta'n Mi-cajah Woods, has filed a bill in the C rration Court for absolute and final divorce on the ground of desertion, from her husband, H. T. Hillebrand, a former member of the well-known drug firm of Johnson & Hillebrand, but now of San

Gipsy Injured Seriously. (Special Director to The Times.)
LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., December 26.

member of a band of gyps'es encamped here met with a serious accident near nere met with a serious account yesterday by the premature explosion of a cannon cracker, a part of his hand being blown off and a bad wound in his right a piece of the cracker entering his

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MISS GASKINS IS STILL MISSING

Efforts to Locate the Missing Young Lady Unsuccessiul.

WITH A THEATRICAL TROUPE

This is Regarded by Her Family as the Most Probable Supposition Upon Which to Account for Har Disappearance for So Long.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 25 .- Miss Car-

ie Gaskins, an attractive young lady, has been missing from the home of her brother at Virginia Beach for a week staying with her brother-in-law, S. L. Dosher, of the United States Weather Bureau. Ten days ago she left the city to see her brother at V.rginia Shortly afterward she d.sap-This morning Mr. that the young lady had not been heard from and that he had no idea where she is. Her relatives are distrissed, but they are inclined to believe that she has oined a theatrical troupe, because of her fine voice. The young man, Blaine O'Neil, of Hatteras, to whom she was engaged to be married, died three months ago. Miss Gaskins was greatly distressed, but her relatives do not believe that she lost her reason.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS.

Despite the real enjoyment and the generous gladness that the Christmas holidays must have because holidays must have brought to so many persons here, the Christmas Day itsel persons here, the Chilstmas Pav restrictions the quietest spent in Norfolk for many years. There was no less real joy but perhaps more, than when so much noise and frequent rowdylsm accompanies it. This was due to the intensely cold weather, which kept the people in doors, and to the rigid orders of the police to enforce the orders of the Mayor against

and to the rigid orders of the police to enforce the orders of the Mayor against those roysterers, who have erectofore turned the Joys of the day into ungenteel mobs of insulting boys.

There was little pistol-firing, no confetti throwing, and no return-ball liberties. Those who wanted to go along the streets blowing horns were allowed to do so, but they were not allowed to the streets oldwing notes with the vertex to do so, but they were not allowed to take offensive liberties with other passengers on the streets. — I there was no attempt to curtail innecent fun. Those who were will to stay out in the cold had plenty of opportunity to en-joy the sports that are not offensive to strangers and the streets were filled with happy people of that sort for two days. The churches were well attended and there were crowded houses at all of the theatres for the afternoon and the night performances

night performances.

AGAIN IN COURT.

Mrs. Ida McFerran, accused of shoplifting at the stores of Miller, Rhoads &
Co. was in court again this morning to
answer the charge. It appeared that the
employes of the firm suspected her, but
had found great difficulty in detecting
her in any theft. On this occasion, however, she was caught with two gold or gilt chains, and arrested with them I possession. Ler rooms were sear but nothing else that belonged to the could be identified. Mrs. McFerran inne of 320. Her attorney noted an appral and will carry the case on a bond of \$100 to the Corporation Court. Pawn tickets were found in Mrs. McFerran's room on Church Street, but they could be identified with any property supposed to be stolen.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., December 26.—A great land deal has occurred at Portsmouth. A thousand feet water front adjoining the water front property of the men was brought to Norfolk for treat-ment, but nothing could be done for him.

ment, but nothing could be done for him, and he died within less than ten minutes after arrival. The body was forwarded to Cape Charles this evening.

Charles Gary, a colored man, employed by S. S. Armstrong, Jr. was instantly killed at the navy yard this morning by the breaking of an improvised derrick. Gary was, with other men, unloading a coal barge upon which had been raised a pole, supported by guy ropes used in hoisting the coal from the barge. This pole slipped and struck Gary on the back of the head, breaking his neck and causing instant death. No inquest was held.

ALL SOUTHERN TEAM

Dr. W. A. Lambath Sel cts Best Foot B Il in South on Colleges. (Special Dispatch to The Times)

(Special Dispate to the Times)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINAA, VA.,
December 26.—Dr. W. A. Lambeth
recognized authority on athletics in the
South, has written for this week's numher of Collier's Weekly a review of
Southern foot-ball for the season just
thered to be sounding the following closed. In his opinion the following players would compose the first and se-cond All-Southern teams: First Eleven-Givens (Georgetown),

First Eleven-Givens (Georgetown), centre; Foust (North Carolia), right guard; Council (Virginia), right tackle), Bronston (Virginia), right end; Lemoine (Sewanee), left guard; Johnson (Vir-(Sewanee), fert guard, Jonashi (Virginia), left tackle; Cox (North Carolina), left end; Graves (North Carolina), quarter-back; Edgerton (Vande bilt), right .alf-back; Holt (North Carolina) right .aif-back; Holt (North Carolina), left half-back; Carpenter ...rginia Poly-technic Institute), full-back, Second Eleven-Waters (Virginia), cen-tre; Elmer (Auburn, Ala.), right guard, Miles (Virginia Polytechnic Ins.itute),

right tackle; Thompson (Kentucky University), right end; Kirby-Smith (Se-Sit on (Clemson). wanee), left tackle; left end; Pollard (Virginia), quarter-back; Watkins (Virginia), right half-back; Reily (George own), left half-back; Harris (Virginia), full-back.

FINDS BURIED TREASURE

Fayalte County Farmer Diggs Up SIO, OCO in Gold i a Field.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., December 26.

-David H. Dix, a well known and deserving farmer of near Victor, Faytte county, is among the happy and contented this Christmas. While setting out apple trees on his place a few days ago he dug up an old wagon hub, which was given a consent investigation and was given a cursory investigation, and was found to contain the snug sum of \$10,000 in gold and silver. Just who could have hidden this sum away in the earth is a mystery, but in the long ago there lived in the now annihilated town of Woodville many who were wealthy, and probably some who were miserly enough to hide their cash in such a manner. The town of Woodville saw is

set out his apple trees and dig his turnips.

IN WILLIAMSBURG

Many Happy Famly Runions at the Christmas Time.

Christmas Time.

(Special Disnaton to 'in-Times')

WILLIAMSBURG. VA., December 25.—
Christmas Day passed off very pleasantly. There were many family reunions, more than for many years. Among those who came home to spend their Christmas are Hugh Mercer. Spencer Lane, Clarence Newman, Henry E. Charles, Mrs. Edlor Morceock, Spencer Henley, Marston Christman, Dan and Tom Jones, Frank Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Gilliam, Frank Henley, Archie Peachy, James W. Bowry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout and daughter. Roland Saunders and Henry Powell. Rev. H. T. Louthan, pastor of the Baptist Church here, left for Garnette to spend his Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lamb, of Norfolk, spent yesterday here with relatives.

Mr. John W. Goode and son, Willie, arrived Friday to spend several days with Mr. H. K. Graves and mother.

Miss Janie Coleman, of Richmond, is spending a few days with Miss Lillian Graves.

Graves.

Miss Mary Geldea, of Norfolk, is visit ing Mics Cora Barlow.

CHRISTMAS WEATHER

Six Inches of Snow in Tazawall With

Primi e of wers to Come. old Discretch to The Times. TAZEWELL, VA., December 25.—News reactives here from rip-Top, ten miles east of here, of a free for all Christmas fight there last night. A large number of lumbermen from an adjacent camp came in town to spend Christmas and filled up on mountain dew. They became hiaricus, and it is said used the windows in the depot for target practice. No casuilles have been reported. The usual TAZEWELL, VA., December 26.-News ailies have been reported. The usual number of fights in Tazewell have not occurred this year.

About six inches of six of colors has falled. county since 12 o'clock ical Christmas weather n ght-typical Christmas weather-and from present indications we are going to have six inches more.

To be Sold at H ath ville. (Special Disratch to The Times.)
HEATHSVILLE, VA., Dec. 25.—Fileo ..otel, which has been owned and you by Mrs. F. A. Rice for many years, will be rented and the personal property of Mrs. Rice will be sold at a public

of Mis. Rice will be sold at a proble sale in the near future.

The shares of stock in the McGill and McNeale fish factory, amounting to \$7,000, owned by the late Captain Roce, t Lougias, will be so... to the highest bidder to-day. Talls is one of the largest fish factories in Northumberland.

_____. R. B. Frown, deputy sheriff of this county, has resigned a, office and will pay his entire attention to his faim in the future.

CHILD LOCKED INT

Mother Left on an Early Train from Roanoke to Get

Dack room of a tenement house on Commonwealth Atenue Christmas Day little Virginia Smith aged six years, was burned to death, the child's clothing catching fire from a cook stove. The girl and her eight-year-old brighter were locked in the house this morning by their mother. Mrs. Olive Smith: who left companied by the smith aged six years, was burned to death, the child's clothing catching fire from a cook stove. The girl and her eight-year-old brighter were locked in the house this morning by their mother. Mrs. Olive Smith: who left companied by the fire smith agent and the smith agent agen on an early train for B dford City, ac-companied by Herbert Saunders, esten-sibly to be married, the license for the marriage having been issued several

days ago.

Lue mother, it is said, was in the habit of leaving her children at home, locking them in un'il her return.

Volumes of smoke were seen issuing from the windows by people passing by, and they and the neighbors broke open. is stated that she had often instructed starting fires.

IN WARD'S FAVOR

Brilliant Array of Legal Talent in Suit Against Town of Winchester.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WINCHESTER, VA., December 26.-Intense interest was marifested here to-day over the decision of Judge C. E. Nichol in the suit of R. M. Ward against he city of Winchester and the Boald of Handley Trustees, cl.-iming attorney's tees in the sum of \$12,569. A brilliant array of counsel had been heard. For Mr Ward ex-Senator Charles J. Faulknet, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Hon. Marshall Mccormick and Hon. Conrad Kownslar, of Berryville, appeared, while the city of Winchester was represented by ex-Solicitor-General Holmes Conrad by ex-Sol.citor-General Holmes Conrad and City Attorney John M. Stock, and the Board of Handly Trustees by Hon. P. E. Byld and Hon A. Moure, Jr. After hearing the argument, Judge Nichol in his decision holds that Mr. Ward, who was eraployed by the City Council of Winchester, was entitled to payment for se vices rendered, but that prior to Mr. Ward's right to sue it should have been his duty to endeavor to effect a settlement of his claim with the City Council of Winchester, and in view of plaintiff's failure to take any steps in this direction, the bill is held to be defective. Mr .. ard will, therefore, have to mak

application to the City Council for the payment of a sum commensurate with his services performed in benaif of the city, and this application will have to be denied before he can sue again in a court This case is one of the mos interesting that has been in Winchester courts for many years, and although Judge Nichol's decision is virtually in Mr. Ward's favor, it will be some time before a final settlement is reached.

Ramsiy-Anglin.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MARTINSVILLE, VA., Dec 26.—There was a beautiful home wedding at the residence of Mr. J. B. Anglin, when his Gaughter, Miss Mattle Ang in, became the bride of Mr. J. T. Ramsey. Fromptly at 11:20 the bride entered the spacious parlor with her sister, Mrs. Sam Rangely, who acted as matron of honor. The groom, Mr. J. T. Ramsey, entered the parlor with Mr. Dyer. There were five groomsmen and five brilesmaids. The maid of honor was Miss Mollie Ivey. of Leakswille. Miss Agnes Anglin, sister of Leaksville, Miss Agnes Anglin, s'ster of the bride, received at the hall door Incre were several hundred invited guests and a large number present. The house was beautifully decorated.

Reman Candle I jury. (Special Dienatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 26. Mr. Isaac Johnson, one of Williamsburg's prominent merchants, was shot in the manner. The town of Woodville saw is size and fall on the site of Mr. Dix's farm. No one has put in a claim for he coin and probably never will, and Mr. Dix can now afford to employ men to six a battle with Roman candles. At first it was thought that he would lose the contents of the c

'PHONE SERIVCE IN PETERSBURG

The Concolidation of the Two Companies a Convenience.

XMAS WITHOUT ACCIDENTS

Horns and Firecrack, rs Are in Evidence but, No Damage is Done-Colonial Ball to Be the S. ciety Event of the Chris mas Hildays.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) PETERSBURG, VA., December 26.-The wires of the Mutual Telephone Company and those of the Bell Telephone Company in this city will be connected with the Mutual office by the first of the year if severe weather does not interfere with the work of the linemen The Petersburg Te ephone Company will then have the only telephone lines in this city, this Mutual and Bell companies having recently consolidated. If the new company keeps the service up to the standard, the con-solidation will prove a great convenien e to subscribers in Petersburg. The management, clerical force and operatives on the Mutual Company will have charge of the new company.

Appropriate services were held at the Episcopal and Catholic Churches in this city yesterday. The Methodist held a joint service at High Street Church. No accidents marred the pleasure of Christmas day. The noise makers ushered In the day, and were not quiet after it had come. Fireworks played their part among the sounds of discordant horns, though they were less in evidence than they usually are at Christmass time. Nevly every store in the city was closed all day, and everybody enjoyed the holiday after one of the most successful Christ mas seasons in the history of the city

mas seasons in the history of the city.
FOOT-BALL GAME.
The Petersburg High School foot-ball team defeated the Norfolk High School team in this city yesterday in the most exciting game of the season, by a score of 10 to 0. It was a game beautifu'ly land throughout and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators. who braved the rather chilly weather and

Harvel Gill, of the Petersburg team, played his usual snappy game, and was frequently cheered for his fine maying. He is one of the blucklest and best play-ers ever developed in Petersburg and his playing promises to make him conspicuoplaying promises to make him conspictors in the foot-ball circles of the State. Nor-folk played hard to win and accept d defeat stacefully. Perfect harmony and good will prevailed throughout the game, anding much to the pleasure of the rosters, who always look forward with pleasure to the coming of the Norfolk boys to the Condade Civi the Cockade City.

DeWolf Hopper, in "Mr. Pickwick,

w...l be seen at the Academy of Music in L...s city on the last evening inthis year and the occesion is being antichasted w...i much pleasure by the theatre-going

work of an incendiary.

Mr. Hill Peasley, formerly of this city, but now of Crescent, W. Va., is spending the holidays in Patenthus.

the holidays in Petersburg.

Mrs. Cass. of Newport News will be the guest of Mrs. Preston Roper in por Petersburg next week.

Mr. Ambrose McNell, the distinguished Scottish orator, will deliver his address, "A Locacy of Honor," at the Y.

M. C. A. Monday night, under the auspices of A. P. Hill Camp.

A passencer car on the City Point Rairoad caucht fire yeterday morning about 6 o'clock. The fire department prevented any considerable damage to the car.

the car. Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Hosg. Jr., of Ports-

are spending the holidays in Petersburg. The Misses Holladay, of Portsmouth, are visiting their sister, Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, in Petersburg.

WILL BRING SUIT FOR BEING SWEATED

J. H. Hahn, the Pressman, Who Was Floggid at Newport News, Sues for Damages. (Special P. patch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. Dec. 26 .-H. Hahn, the pressman who was "sweated" and flogged by the street comm.ssioner, will probably bring several suits. It is intimated that the defendants will be the city, the street commissioner and the city sergeant. The charge against the last named is that Hahn was a State prisoner, and the city srgeaent, therefore, unlawfully turned him over to the street commissioner. who cannot work State prisoners on the street. A pretty point of law is involved. Christmas in Newport News was a com-

paratively quet day, unmarked by any incident of public note. Practically the entire city took holiday. Services were held in several of the churches, and were well attended. Hund eds of Nimrods took advantage of the occasion to go hunting, and considerable game was cap-tured during the day. Early yesterday morning, six frame,

two-story houses on Twenty-first Street and Hampton Avenue were destroyed by fire. They we e occupied by negro families, and much temporary suffering was caused, as the occupants of at least three of them had just time to make their escape with their lives. The fire was the hottest ever seen here. Two small houses situated some distance from the blaze, literally shriveled up and burst into blaze. blaze A negro ran amuck in the crowd and created considerable excitement by (iring a revolver among the spectators, but, fortunately, no one was hurt. He

LEESBURG MARRIAGES

Several Announcements of Interest FIRE THREATENS from Loudium County.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEESBURG, VA., December 25 .- A future wedding of interest to Leesburg society is that of Miss Caroline Barett, daughter of Major C. Boyd Barrett, or Aberdeen, S. D., and Mr. Charles Kennedy, of Aberdeen, S. D. The ceremony wil be performed on the 8th of January at the bride's home in Aberdeen. S. D. Major Barrett was formerly from Lou doun and married Miss Molly Fadely, of the county, and was formerly editor and roprietor of the Aberdeen Pioneer Senti-

Miss Mamie Carter, daughter of Mrs Welby Carter, of Upperville, this county, will be married to Mr. Charles Moore, of South Carolina at the bride's home in

Up, erville, on Dec. 31st.
Miss Louise Stone and Mr. James Torreyson, of Hillsboro, both over 60 years of age, were quietly married at the home of the bride late Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, the Rev. D. C. Hedrick officiating. The ma tage of Mr. John L. Dunbar of this cotaty, and Miss Martha Smallwood, of Washington, D. C., is announce



AUCTION SALES-FUTURE DAYS

Geo. W. Mayo. Auctioneer. B ANKRUPT SALE OF GROCERIES.

MILL FEED, PLATFORM AND
COUNTER SCALES, ETC., AT AUCTION.

By virtue of a decree entered in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, De-pember 22, 1902, in the matter of W. M. Carter, bankrupt, I will offer for sale a vublic auction at No. 1704 East Franklin Street at 10 A. M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1902.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1962.
the stock of Groceries and Mill Feed embracing Shelf and Bulk Groceries, Vinegar. Molasses. Sugar. Coffee. Sait.
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TYPEWRITER. OFFICE FURNITICS.
ETC. ETC. OF THE J. H. WARDEN

By virtue of authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust, executed to me by the J. H. Warden & Co. Incorporated, bearing date on the 29th day of December, 1902. I shall proceed to sell at the coal yard of J. H. Warden & Co. Incorporated, at Seventeenth and Dock Streets, on TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 39, 1902, at 19 o'clock, the effects of the said company, consisting of one pair of heavy draft Mules, two patent coal Trucks, two coal Carts, a lot of Harness, one Horse, one Phaeton, about forty cords of sawed oak and pine Wood, set of platform wagon Scales, one Remington Typewriter, cak office Dosk, office Furniture and Flxtures, Wheelbarrows, Screws, Shovels, Scoops, etc., etc. Also the lease of the yard, office building, fencing, etc.

TERMS: Cash. CUTCHINS, Trustee.

Geo. W. Mayo, Auctioneer.

By C. L. & H. L. Denoon,
Real Estate Auctioneers.
TRUSTEES SALE
OF
VALUABLE BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE PROPERTY IN FULTON
AND FARM IN HENRICO
COUNTY.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust dated October 12, 1899, and recorded in clerk's office. Richmond Chancery Court. D. B. 105 "C." page 340, and in Henrico County Court, D. B. 157 "B." page 363, default having been made in the payment of a portition of the drbt secured, and being required by the note holder so to do. I will sell at public auction, on the premess, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1902.

I will sell at public auction, on the premes, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1892, at 12 o'clock noon, the following property: All that tract of land, lying and being in the county of Henrico. Va., near the Darbytown Road, about six and one-half miles east of the city of Richmond, containing one hundred and sixty-six and one-half acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: On the north by the lands of Imberlake, on the east by the lands of Greenhow and Winston, on the south by the lands of Pleasants and on the west by the lands of Pleasants and on the west by the lands formerly belonging to Fraysler.

AT 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

I will sell, on the promises, all that lot of land, with the improvements thereon, in the county of Henrico. Va., on the south line of Graham Street, between Erin and Gilliam Streets, beginning 118 feet 11½ inches east of Erin Street, thence eastwardly along Graham Street of leets of inches, and back between parallel lines 110 feet to an alley. The improvements consist of a brick store and dwelling.

AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

I will sell, on the premises, the vacant lot on the north side of Orleans Street, beginning 70 feet east of Lester Street, thence eastwardly and fronting on Orleans Street 20 feet, thence northwardly 50 feet, thence northwardly 50 feet, thence southwardly 30 feet to the point of beginning.

TERMS—Cash as to expense of sale, any taxes that may be due, and to pay the sum of \$1 549.00, with interest from October 12, 1990, balance in two equal payments, at one and two years, with interest added.

F. C. DENOON, Trustee, Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 190

1903, except for delivery of perishable

goods between the hours of 8 and 10

THE FREIGHT DEPOTS OF THIS Company will be closed on CHRISTMAS DAY, 1962, and NEW YEAR'S DAY,

o'clock A. M. R. E. DUKE, Agent

THE TOWN OF WISE

Damage Amounting to \$30,000 in the Heart of the Town.

PRINCIPAL HOTEL BURNEL

The Fire Started from a Defective Flue it is Believed-Only a Favorable Wind Prevented More Serious Loss of Property.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WISE, VA., December 24.- Adestructvic fire broke out in Wise about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, which lasted one and a half hours. The large hotel of J. C Richmond, together with furnishings, the mercantile establishment of W. H.

THE BIRD 11.

The Missouri Sheriff Arrived Too
to Ge We's.

(Special Dispatch to the Times.)

MARTINSVILLE, VA., Dec. 25.

Sheriff G. D. Gibson, of Howard county, Missouri, who came here with requisition papers from Governor Montague to get and take back to Missouri
Albert G. Wells, charged with kidnapping als child from his divorced wife, to whom the court had awarded it, found his prisoner flown. The judge of the County Court had already released Wells on a writ of habeas corpus. Sheriff Gibson was much disappointed and thinks a further effort will be made to arrest Wells.

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A. derson was an the county but, corner of the public squa.

The total loss is estimated at twenty-nine thousand seven hundred, as follows:

The total loss if freen thousand; insurance eight thousand; insurance four thousand; Insurance four thousand; Insurance four hundred; no insurance. Kilgore and Kilgore, loss seven hundred; insurance four hundred and fifty. Wise county, loss one thousand; partly covered by insurance; Alderson and Alderson, library, five hundred; in surance four hundred and fifty. Wise county, loss one thousand; partly covered by insurance; Alderson and Alderson, library, five hundred; in surance four hundred in misurance with the probably from a defective flue. A favo able blowing of the wind saved the ethir business portion of the town from destruction.

The Stonega Company Making Good Improvements. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

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CRAB ORCHARD, VA., December 28.—
Your correspondent visited the new coal
and coke plant. No. 3, on Mud Lick Creek,
of the Stonesa Coke and Coal Company
last Saturday. This plant will soon be
ahead of any of the coke plants in Wise
county. The designs of the houses and colory. The designs of the houses and coke ovens and tipples exceed any in this vicinity. This company takes good care of its employes. They furnish them with good, comfortable dwelling houses.

Busides the great improvements this big corporation has made here in the country, they furnish a large market for all the vectories in

all the vegetables the people raise in this section. Every indication points to on increase in the wonderful developments on increase in the wonderful developments already here.

The big land deals in Eastern Kentucky still continue. Gas and oil and coal and lumbering companies are being formed all over the mountains of Kentucky.

Ralloads are being built and enterprises springing up everywhere in this section of the country.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

City Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Va., Dec. 23, 1992. THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared the usual semi-annual DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT., payable on and after JANUARY 2, 1903. J. W. SINTON, Cashier.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19. 1902.
DIVIDEND-THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER annual DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. (free of tax), navable to Stockholders on JANUARY IST NEXT. Checks for this dividend will be mailed to stockholders. Changes of address should be promptly notified to the com-

Old Dominion Steamship Company, New York, Dec. 18, 1902. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared the fifty-fourth semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT (3 per cent.) upon the capital stock of this Company, payable JANUARY 2, 1903. Checks will be mailed to Stockholders of record December 20th, 1901. Transfer books will be closed from 1 P. M. December 20, 1902. to 10 A. M. January 2d, 1903, inclusive.

J. S. SAMMIS, Treesurer.

J. S. SAMMIS, Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHMOND FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RALLROAD COMCOMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND OF FOUR DOLLARS per share on the Common Capital Stock and Dividend Obligations of the Comman, payable on the 2d DAY OF JANUARY, 1903, to holders of the same of record on the 24th day of December, 1902, from which date the books of transfer will be closed until the 5th of JANUARY, 1903.

I. B. WINSTON, Treasurer.

MEETINGS.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the RICHMONE TRUST AND SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY will be hed at their Banking House in Richmond, Va. on Wednesday, JANUARY 14, 1903, at 12 o clock noon. H. L. CABELL.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20, 1902.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
of the Stockholders of the RICHMOND
TELEPHONE CO, will be held at the
company's office, 6 North Seventh Street,
on TUESDAY, January 20, 1903, at 10
o'clock M., to consider the advisability
of issuing bonds for underground work
and such other matters as may come before it. fore it. RICHARD H. SMITH.

Richmond. Va., Dec. 13, 1902.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the MER-CHANTS NATIONAL BANK will be held at their banking office on TUES-DAY, January 13, 1903, at 12 o'clock M.
JOHN F. GLENN. Cashier.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK of Richmond, Va., will be held on TUESDAY, January 13, 1903, at 12 o'clock M. in the bank building. RICHARD H. SMITH. The Sayings Bank of Richmond. Richmond, Va., Dec. 22, 1902. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING

of the Stockholders of this bank will be held THURSDAY, January 3, 1903, at 4 o'clock P. M. JAS. M. BALL. Cashier.

The Savings Bank of Richmond.
Richmond, Va. Dec. 22, 1902.

THE DIRLCTORS OF THIS BANK have declared the usual semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free of tax, gayable on and after JAN-UARY, 2, 1903.

JAS. M. BALL, Cashier. Virginia Trust Company.

Richmond. Va., Dec. 16 1992.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared the usual semi-annual dividend of three per cent, free of tax, payable on and after January 2, 1963.

L. D. AYLETT.

Secretary.